

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Congratulations to Aaron Wilcox (Grade 11) who achieved his black belt in Kyokushin Karate. Although he completed this before lock down, he only recently received his black belt grading certificate from Japan. We are proud of his achievement.

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Dear parent / guardian

This past week I again witnessed things at our wonderful school which generally would be considered mundane. However, in this time of pain, stress, depression and economic hardship brought on by the pandemic, we need to see the small “miracles” that occur in the midst of the ever changing new normal. I viewed water towers constructed by the Grade 4’s as part of their curriculum, and witnessed learners running and exercising (and enjoying it) in physical education lessons, the prefects working on the legacy wall with learners from the junior school section, computer club members giving up their free time to assist in building the school’s e-learning capacity, and enthusiastic matrics attending extra Afrikaans classes on a Saturday, to mention a few. “Small” events to some but I see them as the continuation of the Tafelberg spirit in our learners and teachers ... nothing is too difficult, and covid will not keep them down. We have not caved to covid ... and little by little we will battle our way out of the after effects.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

- 19 August Photograph Day – photos for school magazine
- 3 Sept Casual Day – get your stickers now and avoid the rush
- 6-10 Sept Textbook check
- 6 Sept Matric NSC final LO examination
- 8 Sept Matric CAT P1 Practical exam
- 13-29 Sept **Matric Trial (Mock)** examination
- 7 Sept **Early school closing @ 1:15**
- 21-29 Sept Term 3 **Test Series** start for Grades 7 – 11



Grade 7-12 Parent meeting dates will be confirmed next week.

2. School fees 2021

Tafelberg is a Section 21 fee-paying school, and the SA Schools Act thus places a duty on the SGB to collect such school fees from all parents as agreed upon at the parent AGM. The Budget and school fees for 2021 were voted on at the parent AGM on 18 November 2020. The Budget and school fee increase was tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM, as were certain school policies.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. Grade 1	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
2. Grades 2 – 4	R2 060-00	R22 660-00
3. Grades 5 – 9	R1 900-00	R20 900-00
4. Grades 10 – 12	R2 060-00	R22 660-00

- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2021 (for 2021 fees only)
- Exemptions and non-payment of fees are dealt with as per legislation and school policy
- All enquiries regarding payment of school fees and exemptions must be directed only to Mrs M Vicentini @ 021 558 2405 or bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za

GENERAL NEWS

1. Staff news

We bid a sad farewell to Mrs I Schoeman (high school Afrikaans) who will not return from maternity leave. We thank her for hard work and enthusiasm, and she will be missed by both staff and the learners. Mrs L Marais will, therefore, continue in the position until the end of the school year.

2. Parking in Mauritius Street

I have once more been contacted by residents, this time in Mauritius Street (opposite our main gate) to complain about some parents blocking their driveways and littering. Furthermore, in one instance, a parent was (allegedly) rude to a resident when approached about blocking the driveway. I have apologised on behalf of our school community, but I am deeply saddened by these events. One of our core values at Tafelberg is that of respect. Surely if we expect our children to exhibit respect, then we as adults should lead by example. I appeal to the handful of parents who park in Mauritius Street to please be considerate of others. Traffic officers will patrol the area around the school, and issue fines to those that are transgressing any road traffic rules.

3. PTA

Reminder - 3 Sept "Casual Day" stickers are available from the class teacher at R20 each. All queries can be sent to leigh-ann@stokell.co.za or 082 927 2544. By purchasing a sticker you will not only be supporting a worthy cause but also assisting the PTA raise much-needed funds. Please continue to support your PTA small-change fundraiser and keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores.



4. Photograph Day -

The photographer will be at school on the 19 August to take individual photographs of all learners and staff. Please note the following:

- Should you not want your son/daughter to appear in any of the photographs, please inform the school in writing (email) asap.
- Please ensure your child is dressed in the proper school uniform and his/her appearance is in accordance with school regulations. Learners not conforming to uniform, appearance rules, will not be allowed to appear in the photographs.
- Photos will be made available for purchase by parents.

5. SBA rewrites / catch-up

All learners (and their parents) who missed a test during the recent Test Series, have been informed of the date and time of the further opportunity to rewrite. Please make the necessary transport arrangements. We will not accommodate requests to change the dates/times since invigilators, scribes and computer venues etc. need to be pre-arranged and be paid for. Should a learner who is scribed miss the test rewrite session, the parents will be liable for payment of the scribe. Learners, who without valid reason, do not complete all SBAs will not meet the requirements for promotion at year-end.

6. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter we have one teacher who is covid pos+ and is self-isolating, as well as one learner. Parents of learners in the affected classes have been notified.

7. Covid-19 safety measures

- Should your child test positive for Covid, or come into close contact with a covid pos+ person they are to self-isolate at home for the required period, before returning to school – please inform the school and forward a copy of the test result. Parents are reminded to inform the school if they themselves test positive, and to take the necessary precautions.
- Please remember to screen your child before they come to school. Should they show symptoms of Covid (temperature of 38⁰C and above, coughing, headaches, sore throat etc.) and or have come into close contact with a Covid positive person, they need to stay at home for the prescribed period before returning to school.
- As per our Covid policy, parents will be required to fetch their child immediately should the learner disregard our safety protocols – we need to be responsible and prevent the spread of Covid.
- Parents must ensure that their child does not arrive late (i.e. after 8am) as this will compromise our safety protocols and measures. Please, we need your co-operation in this regard. Latecomers will have to wait outside at the learner gate. Once all is in place, the learner gate will be opened to allow the orderly implementation of the screening of late comers.
- No parents nor visitors will be allowed entry to the school before 9am.
- All learners, parents, visitors etc. MUST wear a mask properly (covering both nose and mouth), in order to be allowed entry to the school grounds.
- A reminder that learners must wear a mask and not a “buff”.

8. Reminders – general

- Donations of food items for our support staff.
- Please inform the school of any changes to phone numbers/addresses.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

Thought for today: “Winners embrace hard work” – L Holtz



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

BE SMART ... KEEP YOUR DISTANCE